United States District Court Southern District of Texas

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April 28, 2021 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§
VS.	§ CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 7:19-CR-522
RICARDO QUINTANILLA, et al,	§ § §
Defendants.	\{\} \{\}

ORDER

The Court now considers the Government's Motion for Evidentiary Rulings in Deposition Testimony of Elizabeth Walker¹ filed on April 11, 2021. The ten-day response deadline² has elapsed and no Defendant has filed a response. The Court, having considered the Government's motion, the record before the Court, and the applicable law rules as follows:

Objections 1 - 10: Weslaco City Commission Meeting Minutes – the hearsay, hearsay within hearsay and Confrontation Clause objections are each overruled;

Objection 11 – Communication with Juan Guerra – the hearsay and Confrontation Clause objections are each overruled;

Objections 12 - 13: LeFevre conversation – the hearsay and Confrontation Clause objections are overruled;

Objection 14: Form/Leading – the objection is overruled;

Objection 15: Form/Speculation – the objection is sustained;

Objection 16: Relevance – the objection is overruled;

Objection 17: Relevance – the objection is sustained;

Objection 18: Relevance – the objection is sustained;

Objection 19: Argumentative – the objection is sustained;³

Objection 20: Argumentative – the objection is sustained; and

² See Dkt. No. 254. (Transcript of hearing held on April 1, 2021, wherein the Court set the ten-day response deadline.)

¹ Dkt. No. 248.

³ The Court notes that part of the witness' response is "No, sir. He was a member of the Weslaco City Commission." (Dkt. No. 248-1, transcript pg. 180:22-23.) The Court's ruling is based, at least in part, on its understanding that Defendant Arturo Cuellar was **not** a City Commissioner, but rather a County Commissioner.

Objection 21: Argumentative – the objections is sustained.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE at McAllen, Texas, this 28th day of April, 2021.

Micaela Alvarez

United States District Judge